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FIAPP CONGRESS AT BUDAPEST
DENOUNCES REARMAMENT OF WEST GERMANY

The executive committee of FIAPP (Federation Internationale d'Anciens Prisonniers Politiques, International Federation of Former Political Prisoners) held a congress in Budapest under the chairmanship of its president, Col Frederic Manhes.

The opening address by Colonel Manhes, who praised the Warsaw Peace Congress, was followed by the report of Edward Kowalski, General Secretary of the FIAPP, who pointed out that the FIAPP branches operating in the West are veering away from individual action and are turning their attention to concerted activities among the population. The FIAPP considers its first duty that of fighting against the rearming of West Germany.

Jan Vodlicka, Secretary of the Czechoslovak branch, also protested against the rearmament of Germany. Sommerhausen [fnu], representing the Belgian FIAPP, denounced the Belgian government because it is rehabilitating the traitors of Belgium.

Kirylyuk [fnu], the delegate of the Polish FIAPP, warned that all Poland is unanimously opposed to the rearming of West Germany.

Istvan Kenez, General Secretary of the Hungarian Fighters for Freedom, denounced Tito and told the congress that the Fighters for Freedom educates its members in the spirit of patriotism and love for the USSR, as well as for the peoples of the world.

Seigewasser [fnu], delegate from the German Democratic Republic, protested against the rearming of West Germany by the US imperialists despite the fact that German youth does not want to bleed for foreign imperialist aims. Resistance against the US aggressors is growing in the plants of the German Democratic Republic, Seigewasser continued. Although the imperialists persecute the VVN (Vereinigung der Verfolgten des Nationalsozialismus, Association of Persecutees by National Socialism), the West German organization of the FIAPP, popular resistance is, nevertheless, increasing, he said.

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